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SUBJECT: CANADIAN-VENEZUELAN CRUDE OIL TALKS

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1. TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL (OCTOBER 11) REPORTS ENERGY MINISTER MACDONALD WILL HOLD TALKS IN CARACAS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, WITH VENEZUELAN MINISTER OF MINES AND HYDROCARBONS, HUGO PEREZ LA SALVIA, AIMED AT REACHING AGREEMENT FOR ASSURED CRUDE OIL SUPPLIES FOR EASTERN CANADA.

2. CANADIAN ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES MINISTRY OFFICIALS ARE ATTRIBUTED WITH SAYING MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT GIVES ADDED IMPORTANCE TO GOC GOAL OF GAINING DEAL WITH VENEZUELA FOR GUARANTEED SUPPLIES.

3. PRESS ARTICLE NOTES CONCERN THAT EVEN IF ME CONFLICT DOES NOT LEAD DIRECTLY TO CUTBACK IN ARABIAN CRUDE DELIVERIES TO QUEBEC AND MARITIME PROVINCES' REFINERIES IT COULD LEAD IN-
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DIRECTLY TO REDUCTION IN VENEZUELAN CRUDE DELIVERIES. THIS

MIGHT HAPPEN IF ME OIL DELIVERIES TO U.S. WERE REDUCED AND
U.S. REFINERIES TURNED TO VENEZUELAN OIL, CUTTING AMOUNTS
AVAILABLE FOR CANADIAN REFINERIES.

4. MR MACDONALD REPORTEDLY WILL ARRIVE IN CARACAS OCTOBER 15
FROM BUENOS AIRES WHERE HE REPRESENTING GOC AT PERON INAUGURA-
TION. HE IS TO BE JOINED BY WILLIAM HOPPER, ASSISTANT DEPUTY
MINISTER FOR ENERGY, AND MARSHALL CROWE, WHOSE APPOINTMENT AS
CHAIRMAN OF CANADIAN NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD EFFECTIVE
OCTOBER 15.
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